



Developing all generations for significant lives in Christ.

We know the bed has an amazing pull on Sunday mornings, so we're excited to see you in church today! You'll be glad you came, too, because God has a message for you. It may be an encouragement or comfort. Wisdom for a problem you're facing. Direction for your life. Or, He could use today to strengthen your faith and fill you with the joy of the Lord. Whatever you need, He knows ... and He can provide. Getting up was the first step. Now, open your heart to what He has for you!











Fight or Flight

When we think of evil in today's world, the example of the self-proclaimed Islamic State comes to mind. How do we respond? Do we flee or fight? As Christians in America, separated by distance and culture, it is difficult to do either in case of ISIS.



However, we can engage with Christian partners to bring the truth and light of the Gospel to spiritually dark parts of the world. This includes many parts of the Middle East. We can "fight" evil by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

Asbury has helped send short- and long-term workers, some of whom are Asbury members, to countries in the area. We are also exploring a relationship with an evangelical church in the United Arab Emirates. The Sheikh of the Ras al Khaimah Emirate has given land for this church to build a permanent building! The global church has responded to make this historic project happen, and Asbury has made a financial gift from your tithes and offerings.

We can make a difference in the face of evil in the world by praying, learning and giving, all of which can be done from right here at home. We also have a unique opportunity here in Tulsa to welcome students from the oil-producing world studying petroleum engineering at the University of Tulsa.

Let's not flee these opportunities but embrace them. Learn how to connect with Asbury's Global Outreach by contacting Jim Davis at 918.392.1117 or jdavis@asburytulsa.org.

Sermon Journals

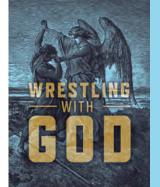
On sale for \$5.00

We'll begin selling the new sermon journal this Sunday, August 30. This journal covers September 9–November 24. (The sermon journal is also available on our Asbury App.)

Pastor Tom believes the journal is a great tool which helps us grow daily in our faith in Christ, and we are pleased to produce it. Unfortunately, they will no longer be given away for free. Asbury will save thousands of dollars each year by selling the sermon journal at \$5.00 (the actual cost) instead of distributing a printed copy for free.

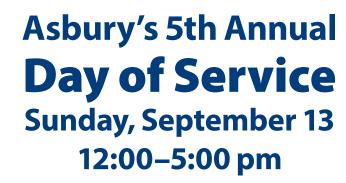


The sermon journals will ONLY be sold at the three Guest Services desk locations: Main, South and North AND the main office (receptionist) desk on Sundays. They will be available for purchase during the week at the main office desk.



Current Sermon Series

"Wrestling with God" will push us to think more deeply about God and His kingdom. We'll be examining five paradoxes from Scripture—paradoxes that reveal just how complex and transcendent our mysterious God is. A paradox is a statement or concept that seems contradictory but is actually true. Let's grab hold of our mysterious God, let's wrestle with His seemingly contradictory statements—and let's not let go until He blesses us.







We will take the church into the Tulsa community by helping with painting, moving furniture, packing care boxes, neighborhood cleanup and much more. All logistics will be taken care of; all that is needed is a willing heart. Everyone is invited to participate in this event; age doesn't matter because there are a variety of jobs to choose from. We especially encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to join us. This is a great opportunity to honor Jesus by serving others and a great event to get connected to Asbury's people and local outreach.

Go to www.myasburytulsa.org for more information or to sign up.

Next Steps to Joining Asbury

1. Attend a Joining Asbury luncheon.

If you are interested in joining Asbury or finding out more about us, please plan to attend one of the Joining Asbury luncheons held monthly.

At the luncheon, you will meet the pastors, find out more about Asbury's vision and hear about worship, growth and influence opportunities that are available to you.

Luncheons will take place on the following dates from 12:15–2:15 pm in the Parlor:

- September 20
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

Lunch is provided, and child care is available for 6 weeks to 6th grade. Call **918.392.1191** or register online at myasburytulsa.org.

2. Visit with a pastor.

After you attend the Joining Asbury luncheon, visit with a pastor. Sign up sheets are available at the luncheon.

3. Schedule to join.

Join on New Member Sunday, which is normally the second Sunday of each month.



Log on to myasburytulsa.org.

Myasburytulsa.org is a convenient tool that provides the congregation with easy access to event registration, communities, online giving, and preferred communication interests within all areas of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Register for events.

Register for RoadMap Bible classes and events for Asbury, Children's Ministry and Student Ministry.

Give securely online.

Contribute one time or set up a schedule for recurring giving. Electronic checks and debit cards, no credit cards.

Order of Worship | August 30, 2015

WELCOME Dr. Guy Ames

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN God of Grace & God of Glory
Hymn #577

CREED / GREETING / NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Guy Ames

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE Psalm 55:7–8, Proverbs 21:22

MESSAGE Wrestling with God:
We Must Flee Evil, and We Must Fight It

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SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

POSTLUDE

Daily scripture readings for the upcoming week:

August 31: Ephesians 5:1–20SepSeptember 1: Ephesians 6:10–18SepSeptember 2: Ephesians 2:1–10Sep

September 3: James 2:24 September 4: Hebrews 11:1–34 September 5: James 2:14–26

Next Week: Wrestling with God: It is Faith Alone, but We Must Have Works

Order of Worship | August 30, 2015

9:15 AM

PRELUDE Asbury Power & Light

CALL TO WORSHIP Sean Groombridge

WELCOME Rev. Gloria McGee-Denton

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

BAPTISM Dr. Guy Ames

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS Guide Me O Thou

Great Jehovah Hymn #127

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #529

ANTHEM Total Praise

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Gloria McGee-Denton

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY He Leadeth Me Johnny Fuller

SCRIPTURE Psalm 55:7–8, Proverbs 21:22

MESSAGE Wrestling with God:

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PRAYER RESPONSE TIME

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Total Praise

BENEDICTION Dr. Guy Ames

POSTLUDE Rosanna Corrales

Connect with our pastor:

Rev. Gloria McGee-Denton | gmcgee-denton@asburytulsa.org twitter.com/runthehumanrace

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11:00 AM

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SONGS HEARD TODAY

Here & Now Jesus Paid It All No One Higher

Worship Pastor: Jon Odom
Worship Leader: Chris Cleveland

Connect with our pastors:

Jon Odom | jodom@asburytulsa.org | twitter.com/jonodom Dick Read | rdread@asburytulsa.org

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